



The South Carolina State Firefighters' Foundation Guidelines for Chief Jim Stone Scholarship

Chief James Casper Stone Jr., a 50-year veteran, joined the Darlington Fire Department in 1962. In 1984, he was promoted as the City of Darlington's first full-time Fire Chief fulfilling and living his dream every day until his retirement in 2012. Chief Stone led his department with dedication, determination, drive, and a kind spirit that reached deep into his community. He was instrumental in preserving the town's first horse-drawn fire engine for perpetual display the community continues to enjoy. In addition to his tenure with the fire service, Stone was an active, lifetime member of his church, and served on numerous community boards including Darlington County Council.

The Stone family has established an annual scholarship in remembrance of Chief Jim Stone's dedication and passion for the citizens of the City of Darlington, Darlington County, and South Carolina's Fire Service.

The South Carolina State Firefighters' Foundation (the "Foundation"- a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization) along with the Stone Family will annually present this \$1,000.00 scholarship.

For application, please review the information below. The contents will outline the background and criteria for this scholarship. After reading, complete the required questions.

Applications will be available on the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association ("Association") website. The Foundation and Association will promote the scholarship through its many platforms.

Once the application period closes, the Foundation Chairman, or his designee; will ensure completion of the application. All completed applications will be sent electronically to and reviewed by the Foundation Board to determine awardees.

Applicants must be: 1) members of the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association; 2) in good standing with his/her agency and the Association; 3) must complete the application; 4) offer a letter of support from the applicant's Fire Chief; and 5) provide a general reference letter of support from a person of the applicant's choosing.

Applicants will also be asked to fill in an information form, with the application, to allow the foundation to provide post awarding statistical information on applicants and awardees. This information will not be used to determine the awardees.